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Note verbale dated 20 April 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities and, with reference to the Permanent Mission's letter dated 17 March 2004, has the honour to forward herewith the response to paragraph 19, submitted by Bangladesh for the kind consideration of the Committee and for its subsequent inclusion in the Bangladesh report (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 20 April 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

19. Please describe how your arms/arms broker licensing system, if any, can prevent Usama bin laden, members of Al-Qaida organization and the Taliban and other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them from obtaining items under the established arms embargo.

Ans: The Government of Bangladesh issues Arms licenses after thorough national verification. Without being verified a person cannot get a license and is subject to penalty under the law. This is considered to be an effective preventive measure against illegal possession, trafficking and brokerage of arms.

Licenses are issued by the District Magistrate (Deputy Commissioner) of the respective district (Administrative Unit). Before issuing licenses to the applicant, the following procedures are observed:

i. Application in a prescribed form;
ii. Income tax pay certificate of Tk. 2,00,000;
iii. Age limit: Minimum 30 in the case of Short Barrel;
iv. Age limit: Minimum 25 in the case of Long Barrel;
v. Satisfactory police verification report;
vi. Personal hearing of the applicant to be taken by the District Magistrate in the case of pistol and rivolver; and
vii. Clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Permanent Mission would appreciate receiving an acknowledgement of the above addendum/inclusion to the Bangladesh report submitted to the Committee.